

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Credit unions are individual, independent cooperatives founded by people working together toward economic advancement, uniting people seeking a way to improve their future; and,

*Whereas*, Credit unions call for the pooling of personal resources and leadership abilities for the good of the cooperative, encouraging a regular habit of savings so those in need may borrow, and fostering the desire to repay loans so members may have access to credit when it is required; and,

*Whereas*, Credit unions empower people to improve their economic situations in 79 nations around the world, through 40,258 credit unions currently serving the financial needs of 118 million members, including 220,631 associated through local, state, regional, and international organizations sharing the same commitment to serving credit union members; and,

*Whereas*, Credit unions are developing strong alliances that make financial democracy possible in many countries such as China, Poland, Russia, China, Argentina, Ukraine, and the rest of the world:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 12-18, 2003, as


## *CREDIT UNION WEEK*

and October 16, 2003, as

## *CREDIT UNION DAY*

in South Dakota, and encourage all citizens to recognize the many contributions credit unions have made to the communities in this state, both tangible and intangible, through the years, and honor and express appreciation for the service and commitment of South Dakota's credit unions.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eleventh Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.



M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State

